



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 14, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Widespread precipitation was reported throughout much of the state this past week, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Warmer weather to finish the week accelerated planting and crop development in areas that were hindered earlier in the week. Moisture received continues to aid pasture, crop, and soil moisture conditions, but some localities reported severe weather. Damage was reported in Weld county to several crops due to an isolated hailstorm and heavy rain last Monday. A reporter noted heavy losses to sugarbeets, alfalfa, and newly-seeded corn. Incidences of wheat stripe rust were again noted in East Central counties. The San Luis Valley received good moisture last week, but a reporter noted freeze damage to some crops, including alfalfa. Statewide, winter wheat remained mostly in good to fair condition, although a reporter in the Southeast district noted the crop is significantly damaged in areas that received heavy snow two weeks ago. Throughout most of the state, livestock are doing well with many being moved to summer pasture. As of May 11th, snowpack in Colorado was at 100 percent measured as percent of median snowfall. The Southwest and San Luis Valley were 118 and 117 percent, respectively. Stored feed supplies were rated 5 percent short, 87 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 65 percent average and 35 percent light. Cattle death loss was 1 percent heavy, 75 percent average, and 24 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted	90	87	95	93
Emerg'd	79	55	66	66
Corn				
Planted	53	29	60	61
Emerg'd	16	3	7	17
Dry Beans				
Planted	5	--	4	6
Onions				
Planted	79	75	99	95
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Planted	51	33	61	50
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Planted	79	76	95	83
Emerg'd	30	12	37	31
Sorghum				
Planted	7	3	3	12
Spring wheat				
Planted	76	64	71	80
Emerg'd	53	32	34	46
Sugarbeets				
Planted	88	71	92	85
Emerg'd	45	22	59	44
Sunflowers				
Planted	2	1	4	4
Winter wheat				
Jointed	87	79	87	73
Headed	20	3	18	27
Cows calved	94	91	100	97
Ewes lambed	93	88	99	97

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	4.1	4.8	5.3	5.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	2	2	10
Short.....	6	10	8	24
Adequate.....	84	83	77	60
Surplus.....	8	5	13	6
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	4	3	4	16
Short.....	15	23	13	30
Adequate.....	80	73	76	51
Surplus.....	1	1	7	3

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa				
Very poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	4	3	NA	NA
Fair.....	27	17	NA	NA
Good.....	60	71	NA	NA
Excellent.....	9	9	NA	NA
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	NA	--	1
Poor.....	--	NA	--	1
Fair.....	13	NA	18	27
Good.....	54	NA	64	56
Excellent.....	33	NA	18	15
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	2	2	1	2
Fair.....	16	15	13	22
Good.....	74	74	76	69
Excellent.....	8	9	10	7
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	1	1	7	11
Poor.....	3	8	10	21
Fair.....	28	38	27	32
Good.....	58	49	47	32
Excellent.....	10	4	9	4
Winter Wheat				
Very poor.....	6	4	1	12
Poor.....	14	12	11	14
Fair.....	35	39	23	32
Good.....	35	38	52	36
Excellent.....	10	7	13	6

NA – not available

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